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Applicant(s): S. NAKAMOTO, et al

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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September 12, 2003

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicant(s) hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing of a response within the second month subsequent to the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed April 14, 2003. A payment in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (500.41300X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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